

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: page10.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200593.009

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Hamilton District Court

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 30 July 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the use of violence to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.

The file is one page of a cartoon story. It shows a robotic figure raping a naked woman with a metal dildo-like extension. The woman clearly does not consent: she is tied to a platform and protests against her treatment. The cartoon presents explicit images of sexual violence for the sexual arousal of viewers, presumed to be men, who are invited to enjoy the woman's helplessness and pain as she is forced to submit. Such material encourages attitudes that contribute to sexual violence.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its members from sexual violence.